

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 August 2024
for
Wigan Methodist Circuit

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities 'Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 ' as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1138103

Principal address

Wigan Methodist Circuit
Circuit Office
Spencer Road
Whitley
Wigan
WN1 2QR

Trustees

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees. A full list of trustees is included in the financial statements.

Accountant and Independent Examiner

Arc Accountancy Solutions Limited
51 Laverton Road
Lytham St. Annes
FY8 1EN

Advisers

The charity's investment managers are TMCP, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.

The following ministers acted throughout the year:

Rev S Swithenbank (resigned 31 st August 2024)	Rev J Hilton
Rev P Powers (appointed 1 st September 2024)	Rev R Towle
Deacon Kathy Lamb	
Deacon Clare Purfit	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charitable trust is constituted by the Deed of Union 1932, the Methodist Church Act 1976, is part of the Methodist Church of UK. The trustees listed have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976. The Managing Trustees of Churches and the Circuit are empowered by our Standing Orders to appoint new trustees and to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee. Circuit Managing Trustees have regular meetings where the Circuit's main areas of activity and by extension the aims of the charity are discussed and agreed. The day to functioning of the circuit is governed by Standing Orders as set out in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The charitable trust is registered with the Charity Commission.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Managing Trustees review the major risks which the charity face and consider that there are none which would stop the charity from maintaining its objects. Assessments from individual churches have been agreed for the forthcoming year. It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a reasonable level to cover unforeseen expenses. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs for at least 6-months.

Ministerial stipends remained at the same level. One Presbyteral Minister (Superintendent) moved on and was replaced by another Presbyteral Minister (Superintendent). The Circuit continues, via grants and donations received, to support one Family Missioner who works with local churches in the circuit and community. Two manses (Upholland Road & Spencer Road) continue to be leased and produce a regular monthly income to the Circuit.

Total assessment levied on the churches was £188,656. The overall net decrease in Circuit funds for the year was £494,008. The total income and expenditure account for the year is detailed in the financial statements. The total value of manse and church property decreased in the year by £382,491 mainly due to a loss of £582,491 bringing the properties in line with fair value, offset by an increase of £200,000 from the addition of Blackrod church.

The coronavirus pandemic which began in March 2020 continues to reduce income from lettings and the need to support individual churches is likely to continue into the next financial year.

The trustees consider that the funds available are sufficient to permit the trust to continue in operation in the medium term, given the agreed assessments of the individual churches and the Connexional nature of its governance.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Safeguarding

The Circuit is committed to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. A training programme has enabled all members needing updating training and those needing initial training to attend an appropriate session.

Investment Powers

The Methodist Church Act 1976 authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general and other funds of the charity, and such investments are presently held and shown within the financial statements at their current value.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives and aims of the Managing Trustees are to oversee and further the work of the Methodist Church. To this end, those activities which come within the oversight of the Managing Trustees are to provide ministerial oversight, manage circuit property including manses, contribute, as agreed, to District and Connexional assessments and be mindful of development opportunities for the Circuit. In order to do this the Managing Trustees, raise assessments on individual Methodist Churches in the Wigan area in accordance with Standing Orders. They may also make grants to individual churches for property, Ministry and Mission as permitted and governed by the Standing Orders. The Managing Trustees believe that these activities and the church resources are for the public benefit as, through its work the Managing Trustees enable pastoral ministry, spiritual engagement and contribute to community development in the Wigan Area. The Managing Trustees have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Wigan Circuit seeks to be a close union of its individual churches. Everyone connected with a church should expect to feel that they are an important part of the church family and be supported. Through our common faith in Christ we seek, in prayerful action, to share and spread the love of Jesus throughout the local and wider community. Opportunities for gathering as a circuit have increased during the year. As well as circuit worship and events, groups of churches in geographical proximity share worship regularly. The circuit continues to place an emphasis on training for mission. This includes training in Safeguarding, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and Unconscious Bias, that we may be a group of churches more able to serve our diverse communities.

The twelve churches across the circuit continue to serve their local communities through coffee mornings, luncheon clubs, toddlers, friendship groups, family support groups, craft groups and book clubs, all reaching out into the community. We have strong links with the two Methodist/Anglican Schools in our circuit. The town Centre church works with the homeless and offers a food bank which is strongly supported by all the other circuit churches. Many church buildings are used on a regular basis for community activities by outside agencies including Age Concern, Healthy Living, Post Office, Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as the Redeemed Church of God, the Quakers, ACE, different nurseries, Moomusic, they are also home for a number of scout and guide association groups. We continue to offer prayer spaces and warm places for anyone and are supporting local schools and families with food parcels and pastoral care as appropriate.

A lot of the work in the circuit is done on a voluntary basis and includes that of Circuit and church officers, commissioned Lay Persons, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, members and secretaries of all the church committees and those assisting in running children's work etc. Our financial management continues to be supported by Transforming Church and Communities organisation to manage day to day circuit finances, and with our accountant the circuit is able to monitor our financial activities effectively.

From a financial perspective, the Managing Trustees consider that the performance of the charity this year has been satisfactory. Stipends and salaries have been covered, circuit property managed and kept in reasonable repair and external expenses covered. The circuit has completed the sale of Trinity, Worsley Mesnes and Gidlow Church premises, which has supported the income and expenditure deficit during the year. Blackrod Church will be sold in the next financial year.

The Circuit's four ordained staff continue to serve the twelve Local Churches. A change of Superintendent Minister is due in September 2024, and the circuit extends its thanks to Rev. Swithenbank for his service.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

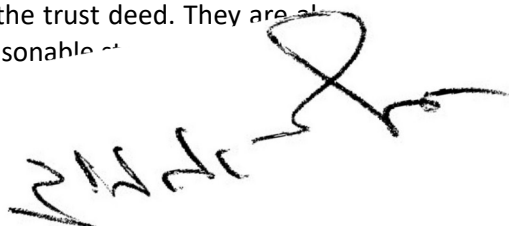
The trustees are responsible for preparing this report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The statements must give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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11/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. Peter E. Powers
Superintendent Minister
Wigan Circuit

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Appendix

Managing Trustees 2023/24

The trustees are the members of the Circuit Meeting as set out below as at 31 August 2024:

Circuit Staff	Revd Shaun Swithenbank; Revd Richard Towle; Deacon Kathy Lamb; Deacon Clare Purfit; Mrs Elaine Meehan; Claire Hewlett
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Margaret Sowerby; Mrs Olwen Calland; Mr John Hughes; Mrs Ruth Ade-Hall
Sec. of Circuit mtg	Mrs Elaine Meehan
Sec. of Preachers' meeting	Mr Ken Vernon
Circuit Treasurer	Vacant (Circuit staff cover)
Circuit Property Sec	Vacant (Circuit staff cover)
World Mission Fund	Vacant
MHA	Mrs Susan Foster
Action for Children	Mrs Carol Littler
Circuit Safeguarding	Mrs Vivienne Lowe
	Treasurer; Steward + 2 reps from Church Councils
Aspull	Mr James Porter; Mr Richard Baker; Mr Allen Howarth; Mrs Denise Howarth
Bispham	Mrs Rosalind Smith; Mrs Jill Prosser; Mr Alan Roby; Dr David Lythgoe
Blackrod	CLOSED
Clowes	Mrs Marjorie Johnson; Mrs Kathleen Lord; Mrs Margaret Wright; Mrs Linda Winrow
Crooke	Mrs Ruth Chapman; Mr Brian Seed; Mrs Vivienne Fletcher; Mr Stephen Tebbit
Goose Green	Dr John Rylance; Mr John Selley; Mrs Gill Harrison; Mr John Hughes
Ince	Mr Gary Calland; Mrs Olwen Calland; Mr Gary Waterworth
Orrell Post	Mr Eric Ashcroft; Mr Keith Kynaston; Mrs Anne Finch; Mrs Elaine Waterworth
Queen's Hall	Mr Sam Ocran; Mrs Margaret Parker; Miss Ruth Russell
Shevington	Mrs Elaine Ashcroft; Mrs Evelyn Barrow
Spencer Road	Mr Bryan Shepherd; Mrs Mary Lloyd; Mr Ken Speakman
Standish	Mr Andrew Sharrock; Mr James Porter; Mr John Grayson; Mr David Pilkington
The Vale	Mr Martin Ade-Hall; Mrs Ann Fallows; Mrs Ruth Ade-Hall; Mrs Liz Maxwell

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted & Designated)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	12	387			20,000	20,387	328
2 Income from monetary investments		91	14,886		9	14,986	6,634
3 Income from investment properties		27,911		4,000		31,911	33,000
4 Assessments on Churches		188,656				188,656	166,570
5 Capital Receipts & Levy refund	2		447,884			447,884	-
6 Grants received						-	9,990
7 Other charitable income	3	5,668	5,000		12,000	22,668	13,777
8 Transfer of account balances from Blackrod Church & Worsley Mesnes	12			14,375		14,375	202,718
9 Total income		222,713	467,770	18,375	32,009	740,867	230,299
Expenditure							
Expenditure on charitable activities:							
10 Grants and donations		551	45,000			45,551	58
11 Stipends, salaries, NIC and pension costs	4	175,592			12,412	188,004	177,250
12 Property maintenance		59,029		26,587	1,013	86,629	82,697
13 District Assessment & Levy		56,820	5,279			62,099	67,187
14 Purchase of property						0	0
15 Depreciation						0	0
16 Office, administration and travel expenses		18,024	443			18,467	16,626
17 Other outgoings		1,121				1,121	604
18 Total charitable expenditure		311,137	50,722	26,587	13,425	401,870	344,422
19 Net income before investment losses/gains		(88,424)	417,048	(8,212)	18,584	338,996	(114,123)
20 Gains/(Losses) on monetary investments			194			194	(112)
21 Gains/(Losses) on investment properties revaluation and disposals	7	(376,564)				(376,564)	(582,491)
22 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(464,988)	417,242	(8,212)	18,584	(37,374)	(696,726)
23 Transfers between funds		101,755	(121,000)	19,245		0	0
24 Other gains/(losses)						0	0
25 Net movement in funds		(363,233)	296,242	11,033	18,584	(37,374)	(696,726)
26 Funds brought forward		21,059	155,585	(11,033)	22,850	188,461	299,978
27 Property funds brought forward		2,488,916				2,488,916	2,871,407
28 Total Funds brought forward		2,509,975	155,585	(11,033)	22,850	2,677,377	3,171,385
29 Total funds carried forward		2,146,742	451,827	-	41,434	2,640,003	2,677,377

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Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Note	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted & Designated)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	8	1,338,020			1,338,020	1,297,449
Investment Properties (church buildings)	9					565,000
Investment Properties (manses rented out)	9	654,332			654,332	626,467
Total fixed assets		1,992,352	0	0	1,992,352	2,488,916

Current Assets

Debtors	10	27,775			27,775	25,685
Investment properties held for sale	9	120,000			120,000	0
Investments with TMCP		1,308	451,827	174	453,309	156,994
Central Finance Board Deposits		488			488	464
Cash at Bank and in hand		30,094		41,260	71,354	11,284
Total current assets		179,665	451,827	0	41,434	672,926

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	11	25,275			25,275	5,966
Grants payable within 2020-21					0	0
Total current liabilities		25,275			25,275	5,966
Net current assets/liabilities		154,390	451,827	0	41,434	647,651

Total assets less current liabilities		2,146,742	451,827	0	41,434	2,640,003
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2019-19						
Loans to the Circuit						
Net assets		2,146,742	451,827	0	41,434	2,640,003

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)		2,146,742			2,146,742	2,590,975
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			451,827		451,827	155,585
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0	0	(11,033)
Total Unrestricted Funds					2,598,569	2,654,527
Restricted Funds				41,434	41,434	22,850
Endowment Funds						
Total Funds	12	2,146,742	451,827	0	41,434	2,640,003

Wigan Methodist Circuit
Notes to the Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Basis of accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

The Wigan Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research, and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v FRS102 SORP2015

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England this being the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 SI 2008/629 and Accounting and Reporting by charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

vi Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2023, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vii Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

viii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material.

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the District and Connexion. In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate. Instead, the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12n.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

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x Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

xi VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

xii Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The trustees have made judgements and estimates in respect of: the fair value of tangible assets, and investment properties shown at fair value. The trustees have determined that any differences arising between actual amounts realised upon sale and fair value estimates will have no impact on the Circuit's ability to continue as a going concern.

xiii Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold and/or long leasehold residential property is shown in the accounts at 2023 values based on the sums insured except where a sale is anticipated in the near future where realisable value is used. The Circuit Meeting has estimated the residential properties current value based on insurance values and taking account of the fact that cover will be based on demolition and reinstating the current building and not the original cost less accumulated depreciation. The land component is not recognised in these figures. No depreciation is provided on the residential properties because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The residential properties have been reviewed for impairment.

xiv (a) Investment Properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is measured using the fair value model and stated at its fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. When the intention is to hold the property for capital appreciation or its rental income, the property is classified as investment property and carried at fair value.

Churches which are closed are transferred into the care of the Circuit from the Methodist Church and are valued at a deemed cost based on the valuation of an external valuer.

xiv (b) Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments are shown in the SOFA.

xv Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xvi Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

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xvii Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

2. Capital Receipts

There were three closed churches sold during the year 2023-24. Gidlow, Trinity and Worsley Mesnes. All sales of Methodist property are subject to a levy by the Connexion calculated on a sliding scale based on the gross sale price. The figure is shown net of this CPF Levy. No property was sold during 2022-23.

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross sale (Trinity)		189,893			189,893
CPF Levy on property sales		(51,957)			(51,957)
Gross sale (Worsley Mesnes)		214,780			214,780
CPF Levy on property sales		(61,912)			(61,912)
Gross sale (Gidlow)		221,801			221,801
CPF Levy on property sales		(64,721)			(64,721)
Total		447,884			447,884

3. Other charitable income

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Layworker salary recharges	5,668			5,668	6,162
Pension reserve refund		5,000		5,000	
Youth and childrens work layworker salary recharges			12,000	12,000	7,615
Total	5,668	447,884	12,000	447,884	13,777

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4. Staff Costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	Ministers (trustees)	Lay staff	2023/24	2022/23
£	£	£	£	£
Stipends, salaries and benefits in kind	119,840	24,284	144,124	135,904
Social security costs	11,517	395	11,912	11,341
Pension costs	31,247	0	31,247	29,315
Apprenticeship levy	599	122	721	689
Total staff costs	163,203	24,801	188,004	177,250
Expenses (Travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred in the normal course of employment)	8,660	162	8,822	4,069
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	4.0	1.2	5.2	5.9

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Wages and salary costs includes £nil in respect of redundancy payments in 2024 (2023: £nil).

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	0	0
Number of trustees who were paid expenses relating to trustee duties	0	0
Total amount paid	0	0
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 or the year ended 31 August 2023 other than that paid to ministers and lay staff in the normal course of their duties and disclosed above.		

6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	1,400	1,850
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	1,400	1,850

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7. Property Disposals/Revaluations

The net gains or losses are detailed below. During the year and in accordance with note 1.xiii (Tangible fixed assets) the residential properties have been revalued to fair value determined by the trustees.

Worsley, Trinity and Blackrod are closed churches that have a fair value based on the professional valuation performed by Lambert Smith Hampton in July 2023. Trinity and Worsley churches were sold during the year, along with Gidlow. Blackrod has been transferred to current assets in the year, accounted for as assets held for sale due to the impending sale.

<u>Details</u>	2022-23 Fair Value	Sale	2023-24 Fair Value	Gain/(loss)
	£	£	£	£
Worsley Mesnes – unrealised	155,000	152,868	-	(155,000)
Trinity – unrealised	210,000	137,936	-	(210,000)
Highfield Drive – unrealised	416,588		428,251	11,663
Masefield Ave – unrealised	287,591		295,815	8,224
Upholland Road – unrealised	241,406		258,460	17,054
Bolton Road – unrealised	281,852		293,713	11,861
Wigan Road – unrealised	311,418		320,241	8,823
Spencer Road - unrealised	385,061		395,872	10,811
Blackrod – unrealised	200,000		-	(80,000)
Gidlow	-	157,080	-	-
Total	2,488,916	447,884	1,992,352	(376,564)

8. Fixed Assets

Manses occupied by ministers	Total
£	£

Valuation

Balance brought forward

1,297,449 1,297,449

Additions

Revaluations (+/-)

40,571 40,571

Disposals (-)

Transfers * (+/-)

Balance carried forward

1,338,020 1,338,020

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward

0 0

Depreciation charge for year (-)

0

Revaluations (+/-)

0

Disposals (-)

0

Transfers* (+/-)

0

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Balance carried forward

0	0
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Net book value

Brought forward

1,297,449	1,297,449
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Carried forward

1,338,020	1,338,020
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The fair value of the manses includes the land on which they are built, and their internal contents.

9. Investment Properties

Manses (held as investment properties)	Church buildings (held as investment properties)	Total
£	£	£

Fair Value

Balance brought forward

626,467	565,000	1,191,467
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Additions

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Revaluations (+/-)

27,865	(80,000)	(52,135)
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Disposals (-)

	(365,000)	(365,000)
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Transfers * (+/-)

	(120,000)	(120,000)
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Balance carried forward

654,332	-	654,332
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Brought forward

626,467	565,000	1,191,467
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Carried forward

654,332	-	654,332
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The fair value of the manses and church buildings includes the land on which they are built, and their internal contents.

The fair value of the manses held for earning rentals are determine by the trustees, based on insurance valuations, taking into account 15% for site clearance costs.

The one closed church (Blackrod) has a fair value of £200,000 based on the professional valuation performed by Lambert Smith Hampton in July 2023. This is then shown in the accounts net of the estimated CPF Levy applied by the Connexion which is calculated on a sliding scale based on the gross sale price. This has been transferred to current assets in the year, accounted for as assets held for sale due to the impending sale.

10. Analysis of debtors

<u>Due within one year</u>	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Trade debtors	11,600	8,000
Prepayments	16,175	17,685
Total	27,775	25,685

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11. Analysis of creditors

<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Trade Creditors	21,258	275
Other Creditors	1,805	2,222
Prepaid Assessments	2,212	3,469
Total	25,275	5,966

12. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	2,509,975	222,713	(311,137)	101,755	(376,564)	2,146,742	The general purposes of the Circuit
Model Trust Fund (unrestricted)	155,585	310,690	(30,722)	(121,000)	194	314,747	Support for the mission of the Circuit
Model Trust Fund (designated)	-	157,080	(20,000)	-	-	137,080	Designated for the maintenance of closed churches prior to repurposing or sale
Designated - Closed Churches	(11,033)	18,375	(26,587)	19,245	-	-	Designated for the maintenance of closed churches prior to repurposing or sale
Totals	2,654,527	708,858	(388,446)	-	(376,370)	2,598,569	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Aspull School	165	9	0		174	Support for Aspull School
Childrens & Youth Work	22,685	12,000	(12,412)		22,273	Available for funding outreach and development work focussed on children and youth
John Tapp – Blackrod	-	20,000	(1,013)		18,987	Restricted for the maintenance of closed churches prior to repurposing or sale
Totals	22,850	32,009	(13,425)		41,434	

Prior year comparatives for detailed analysis of individual fund movements

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Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	2,859,486	201,014	(273,034)	305,000	(582,491)	2,509,975	The general purposes of the Circuit
Model Trust Fund	266,086	6,575	(11,964)	(105,000)	(112)	155,585	Support for the mission of the Circuit
Designated - Closed Churches	18,831	5,300	(37,882)	2,718		(11,033)	Designated for the maintenance of closed churches prior to repurposing or sale
Designated - Manse maintenance	-	8,250	(8,250)			-	Designated for the maintenance of occupied manses
Totals	3,144,403	221,139	(331,130)	202,718	(582,603)	2,654,527	

Prior year comparatives for detailed analysis of individual fund movements (continued)

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Aspull School	160	5	0		165	Support for Aspull School
Childrens & Youth Work	26,822	9,155	(13,292)		22,685	Available for funding outreach and development work focussed on children and youth
Totals	26,982	9,160	(13,292)		22,850	

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,992,352				1,992,352
Current assets	179,665	451,827	-	41,434	672,926
Current liabilities	(25,275)				(25,275)
Total	2,146,742	451,827	-	41,434	2,640,003

14. Related party transactions

During the year the Circuit received assessment income totalling £188,656 (2023: £166,570) from the various churches within the Circuit.

The Circuit also incurred assessment costs of £62,099 (2023: £67,187) payable to the District.

Report of the Independent Examiners
To the Trustees of
Wigan Methodist Circuit

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wigan Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 7 – 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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